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we are in a lot of trouble. But regardless of that fact, if that would become a reality, I probably wouldn't support it, but it is there. But as I say, this bill tells the counties, now not the first year when they get the little bit amount, but when they start on the third, the third and the third they are to reduce their budgets by the amount of money they get when the state picks up the Medicaid. It is just that simple, and it will be a direct property tax relief to the people in the State of Nebraska. I ask that you adopt my amendment to the bill. The amendment postpones it for a year. Instead of triggering it immediately it postpones it a year into the future when we get the big cut from the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the bill. Senator Haberman's amendment is on page 2111 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I just explained it. It moves it on to a year. That is what my amendment does.

PRESIDENT: The amendment has been explained. Is there further discussion on the amendment? Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I guess I have a lot of respect for Senator Haberman in trying to pin this whole thing down, and, of course, waiting till next year helps a bit because we have a year to see how this thing will really all shake out. But he and I have both been members of county boards and I wonder how in the world you could build a budget and what...usually you have a number of factors into that budget, a number of different subjects especially the maintenance of the county offices and the operation of county government, and then usually you have a road and bridge fund which is very interesting to the public, and in my years as a county board member, I have never really heard anybody complain about the road and bridge fund, because everybody was interested in getting all they could for that fund, and they thought their taxes went to an important purpose when they did use it in that way. But I guess one of my biggest problems is again we are dictating to the local elected officials how they are supposed to operate, and perhaps we don't like the way they operate at times, but we put a seven percent lid on them and I am not sure they